



## Madelyn May Bonte

February 25, 1927 - December 8, 2017

Madelyn May Cawood Bonte, 90, Wakarusa, passed away Friday, December 8, 2017.

Madelyn was born February 25, 1927, in Palmer, Kansas, the daughter of Walter and Ada Stiles Cawood. She graduated from Corning High School in 1945 and Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri in 1947. On August 6, 1949, Madelyn married Charles Joseph Bonte, Sr. in Topeka, Kansas. He preceded her in death on July 7, 2007. Madelyn was an Executive Assistant for Northwestern National Insurance and Kansas Fire and Casualty Insurance from which she retired. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Madelyn loved spending time with her family and her cats. She was dearly loved and will be sorely missed.

Grateful to have shared her life are her son, Charles Joseph Bonte, Jr. (Janet Chamberlain) and daughter, Janette Anne Gere, both of Topeka; grandson, Robert Gere (Lauren) and their children, Sevayka, Charles and Paul Gere; grandson, Christopher Gere (Vanessa) and their children, Alexander and Isaac Gere; granddaughter, Robyn Bonte; granddaughter, Anne McCarthy and her children, Erin Hill, Destiny ReQua and Emma Banka-Bayless and grandson, Kevin Chamberlain (Samantha) and their children, Stephanie, Madison and Isabell Chamberlain; two great-great-grandchildren; sister, Eileen Kling of Hiawatha; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces

and grandnephews.

Madelyn was also preceded in death by her parents, granddaughter, Jayne Bonte, an infant sister, Margaret Cawood and sister, Geraldine Holden.

A graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Mount Hope Cemetery in Topeka.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Midland Care Hospice, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Hope Cemetery

4700 SW 17th Street  
Topeka, KS 66604

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

DEC 13. 1:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Madelyn May Bonte*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Charles & Janette,  
I cherish my Wakarusa days. My thoughts and prayers are with you  
and your families. My mother almost made it to 90, what a blessing  
to have had her for so long.  
Glenda "Smith" Senne*

**Glenda** - December 13, 2017 at 01:56 PM



“ *So happy Charlie left Madelyn with you guys for so long so she  
could meet and enjoy her grandchildren. Main sorrow goes to  
Charles, Jr. and Janette. Norma Johnson*

**Norma Johnson** - December 12, 2017 at 03:08 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about your loss. I will keep  
you in my prayers. We miss you here at work.  
If there is anything I can do, don't hesitate to  
ask. See you when you come back to work.*

*Pat Birdzell*

**Patricia Birdzell** - December 12, 2017 at 10:27 AM



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“ We have such sweet memories of Aunt Madelyn, especially during our early years when the children were small. God bless you, Charles and Jan, and your families. May we all continue her many thoughtful deeds.

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**Roberta (Jeanie) Holden** - December 10, 2017 at 11:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Madelyn May Bonte.



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December 10, 2017 at 11:08 AM